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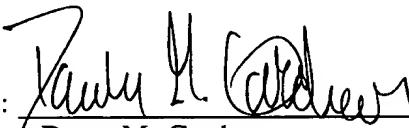
Kobayashi et al., "Amidase coupled with low-molecular-mass nitrile hydratase from *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* J1 Sequencing and expression of the gene and purification and characterization of the gene product", Eur. J. Biochem., Vol. 217, 1993, pp. 327-336

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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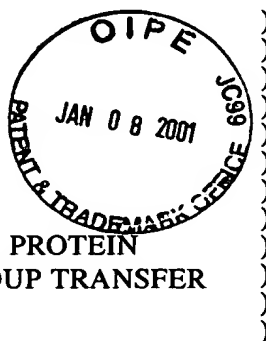
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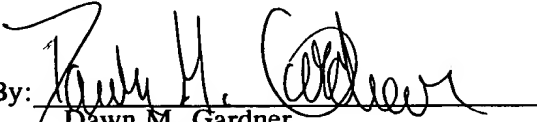
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